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Notes

Clive Strutt's *Thirty-Six Variations and Fugue on the Hymn Tune* Sine Nomine *by Ralph Vaughan Williams for Solo Pianoforte* was first written in the school year 1961-2 while he was a sixth-former at Farnborough Grammar School, Hampshire, England. He added one additional variation in 1971, and he revised the whole work in 1979, a revision comprising mainly of creating the variations in sets of three linked to one another.

The *Sine Nomine* hymn tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams was first published by Oxford University Press in *The English Hymnal* (1906) as a new tune for the hymn with the first line (by William Walsham How), "For all the saints who from their labours rest." The duration of Clive Strutt's variations and fugue is 34 minutes.

The world primière of the work was given on 3rd August 1980 at Vermont State University, Burlington Vermont, USA, by Derek Fleetwood Bell. There was a second performance (also in Burlington) and a third one on the 4th August at the Heskell Opera House. This opera house in Derby Line is unique in that it was built on the Canada (Province of Québec)-USA border and actually divided between the two countries.

The work was also performed in 1995 by the Scottish pianist Brian Davidson in Germany and Norway.

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by CLIVE STRUTT

THEME (HYMN TUNE "Sine Nomine")

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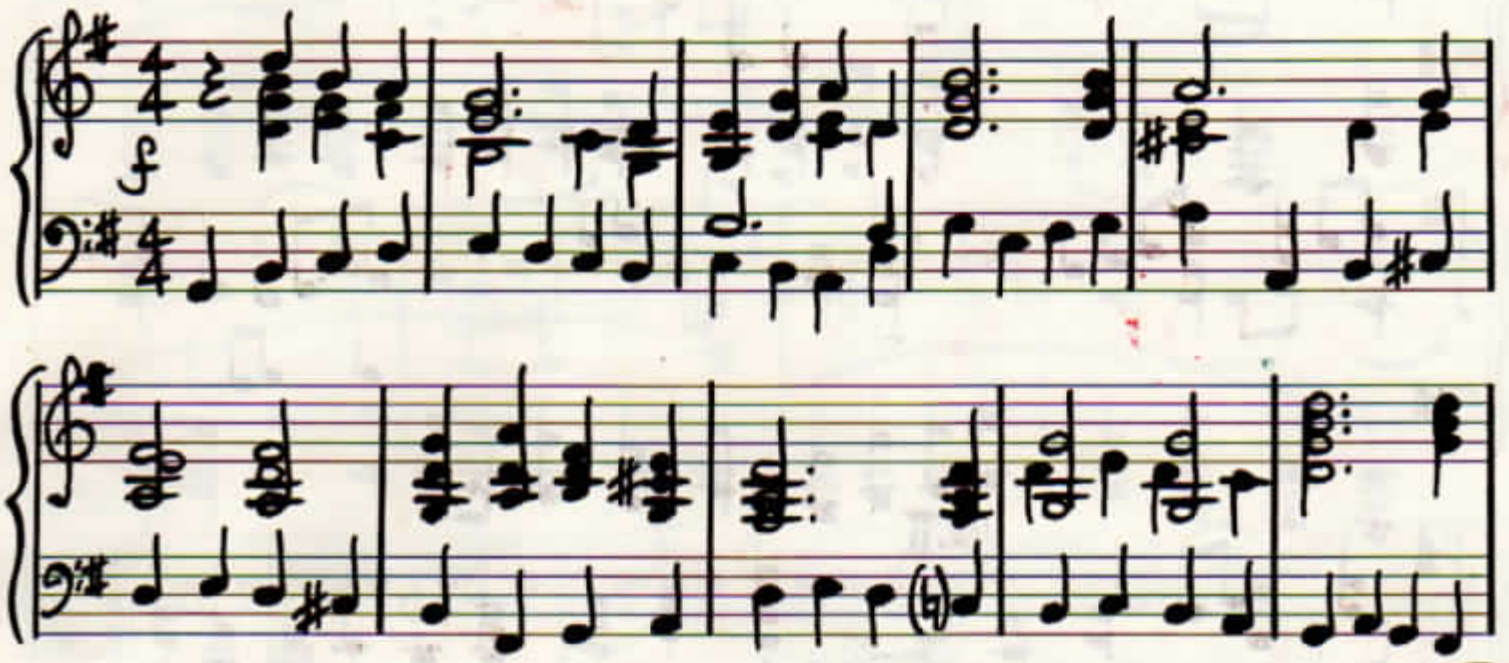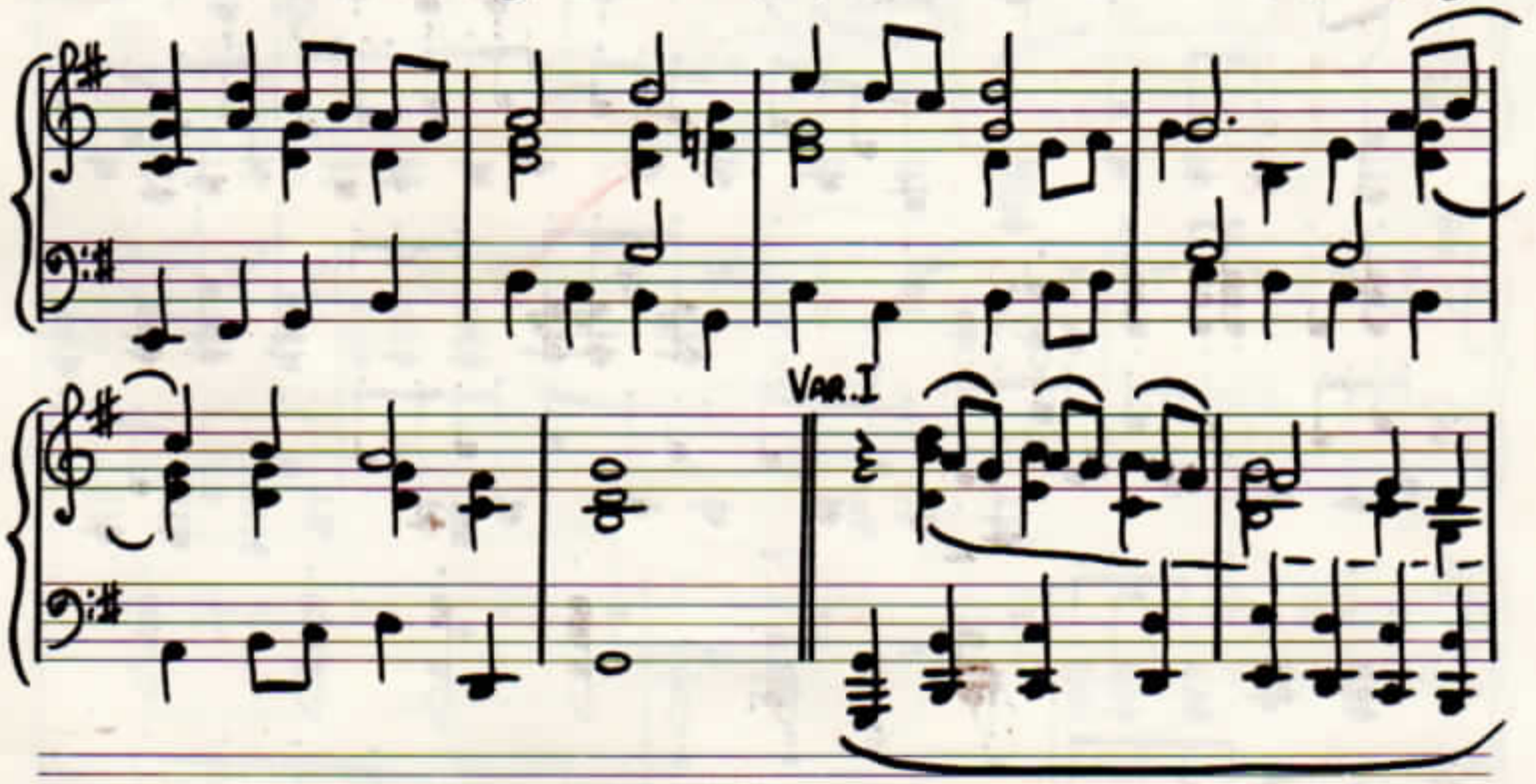
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segue VAR. II

Jauntily:
leggiero e stacc.

Sonore

leg.

legato

un poco f

VAR. III

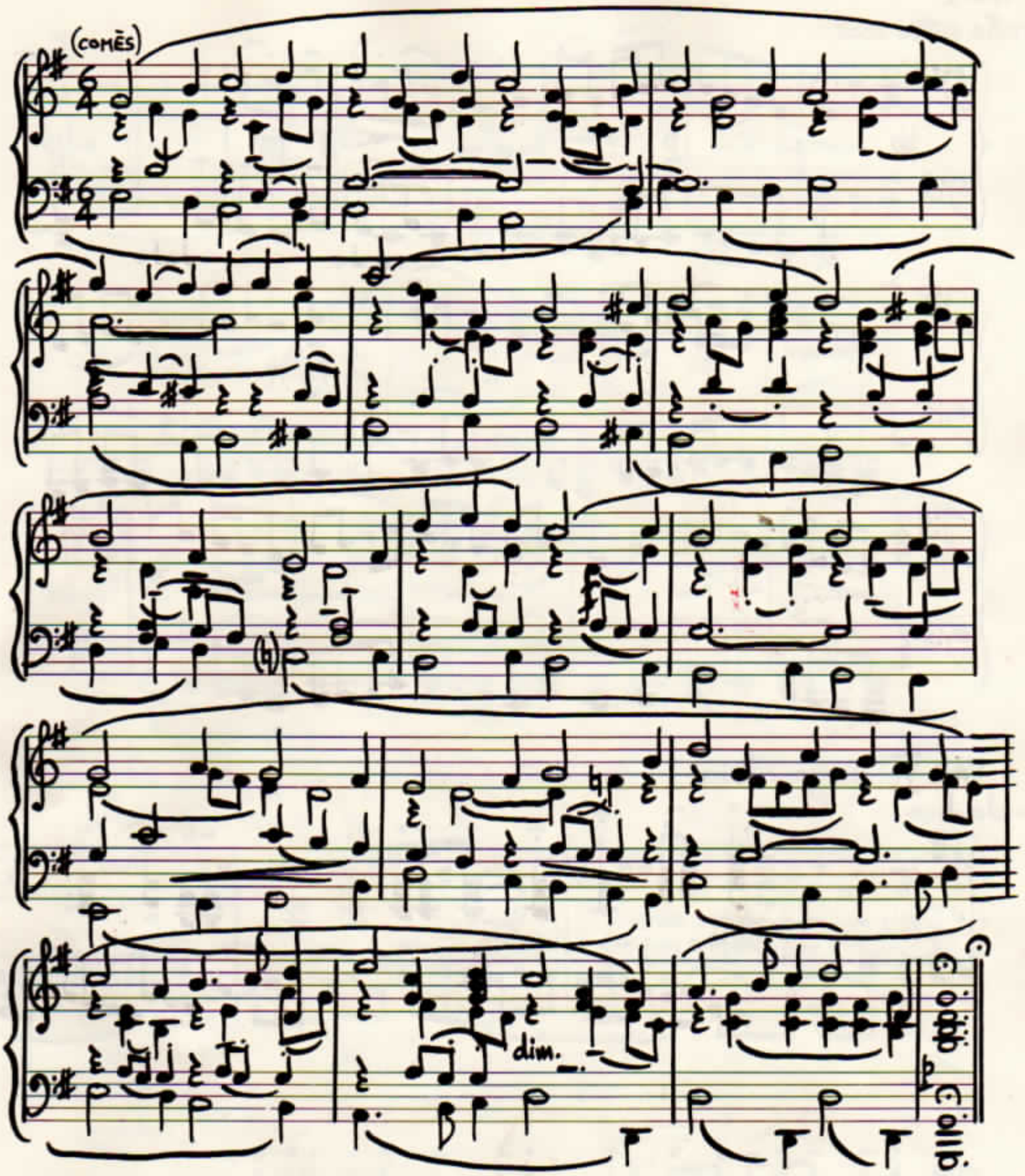
L'istesso tempo

p

VAR. IV Andantino grazioso

Attacca

p sempre legato

(DUX)

(comès)
dim.

VAR. V
Presto sotto voce

segue

VAR. VI Allegro ritmico

m.d. sempre deciso
m.s. sempre un poco

legato

VAR. VII Scherzando

←♩.=♩.→ (L'istesso tempo)

16va 8va 8va Enjambe-ment

mf

(½ bar) 16va 8va loco 8va

16va 8va 8va loco

8va b loco cantabile

sfz Presto 1

ff con forza

VAR. VIII Con Brio

Attacca

mf

cres.

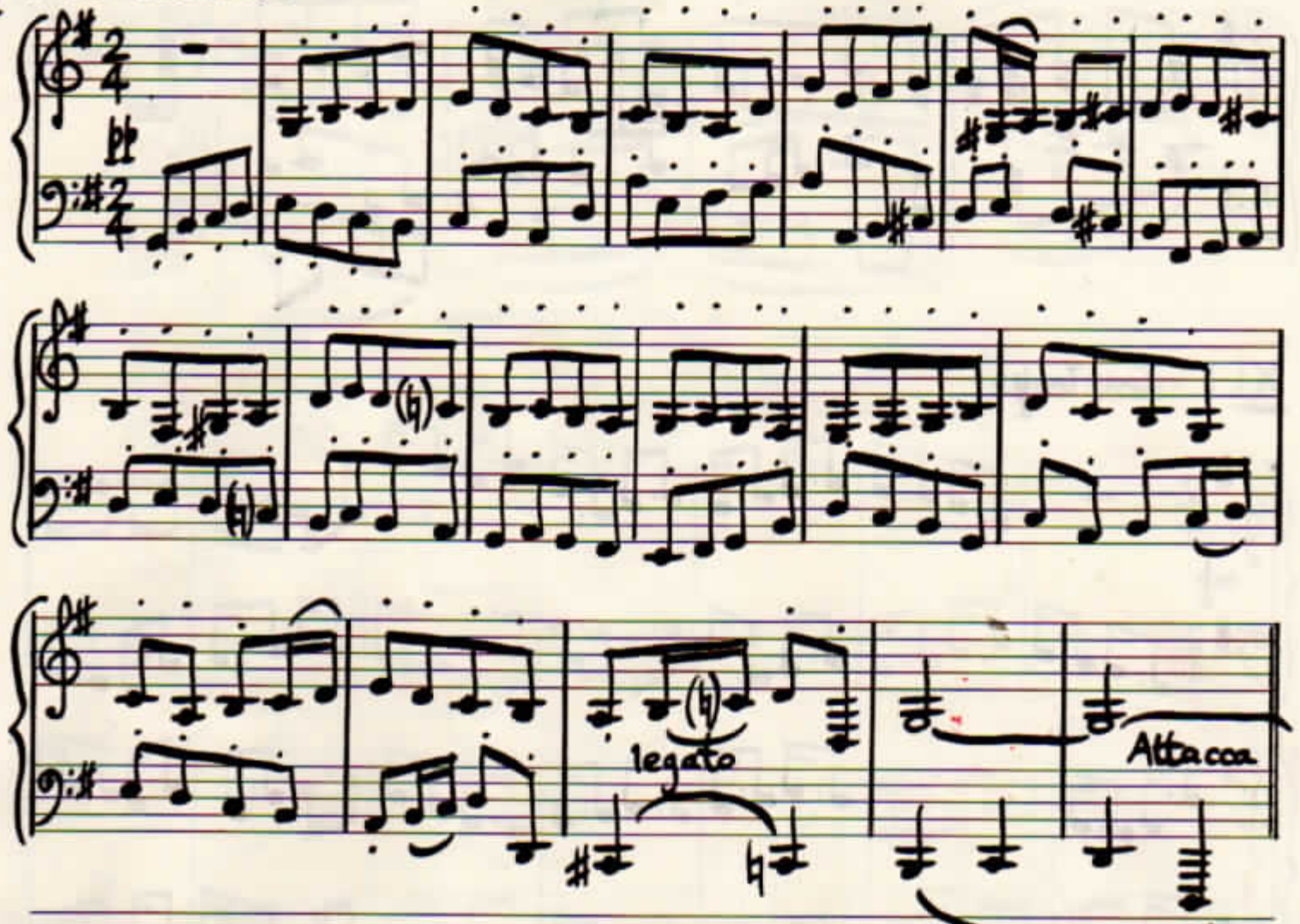
dim.

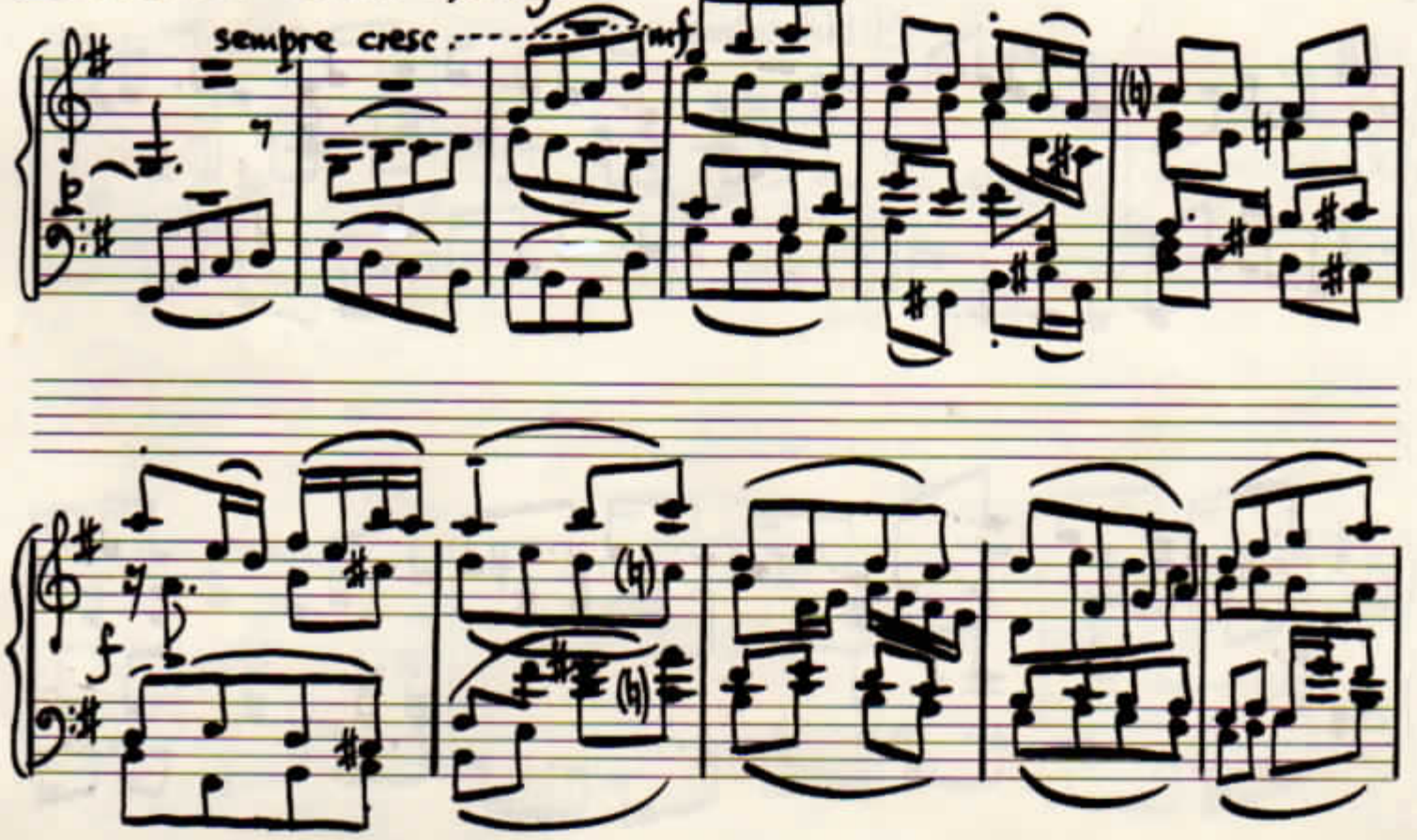
cresc.

crescendo

ed un poco allargando

ff

IX Presto staccato

X Moderato con moto, e legato



XI L'istesso tempo

mp

XII L'istesso tempo [come s.]

(Attacca)

[pux]

XIII Allegro martellato, e giocoso di molto

sfz mp

Attacca

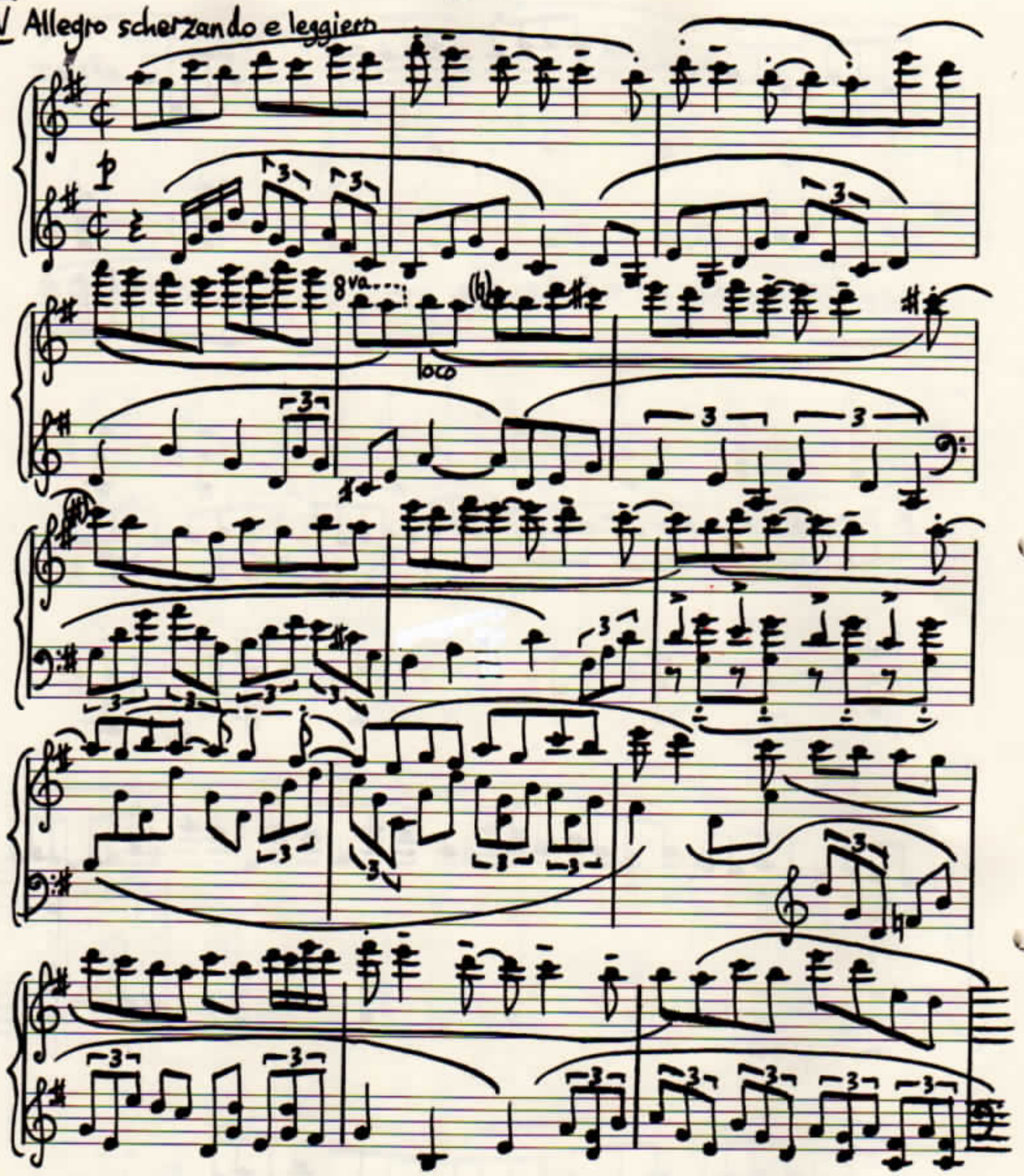
f

XIV Un Poco Grazioso

8va

loco

3

XV Allegro scherzando e leggiero

XVI

Tempo giusto, ritmico, ma non troppo allegro

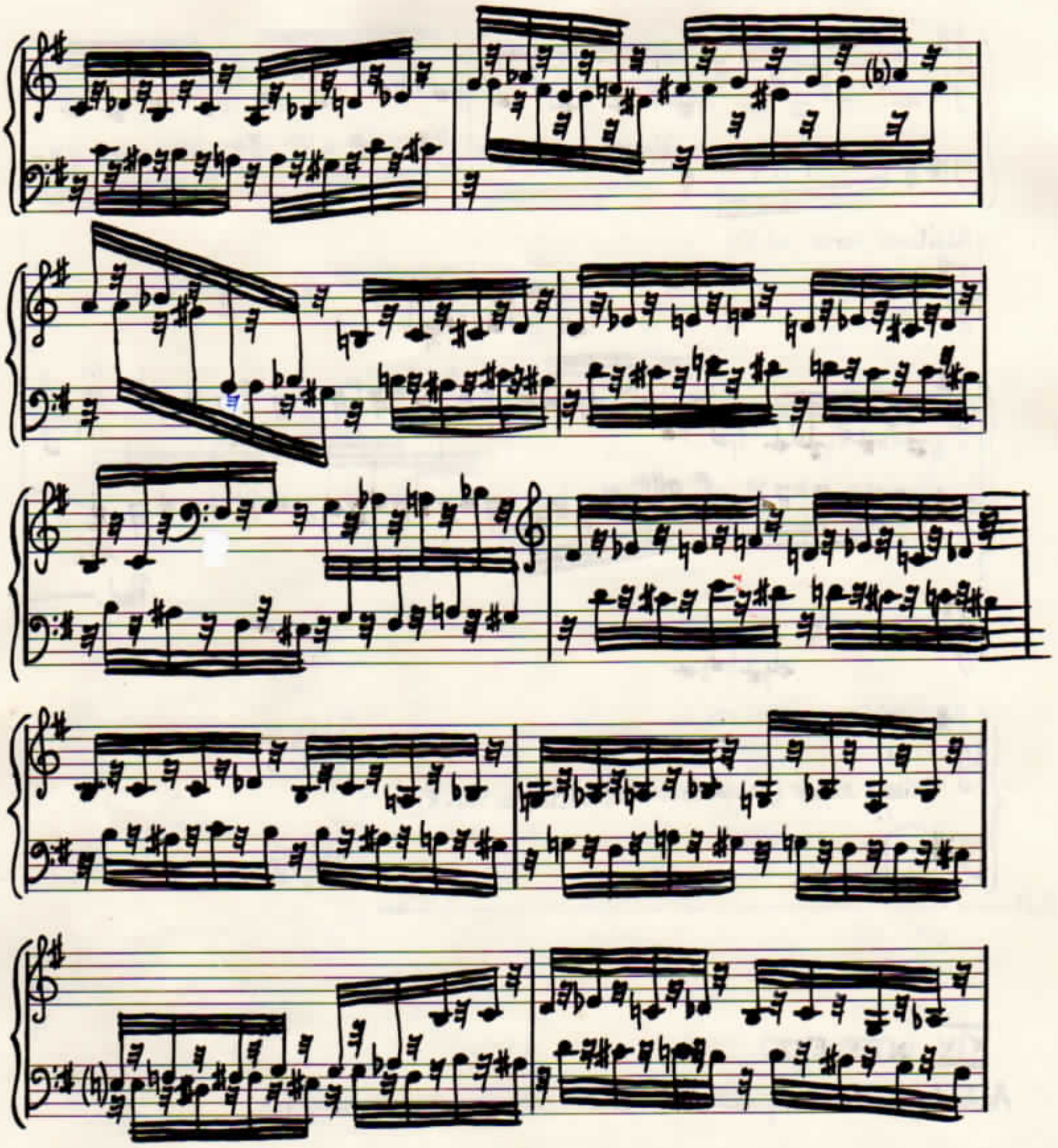
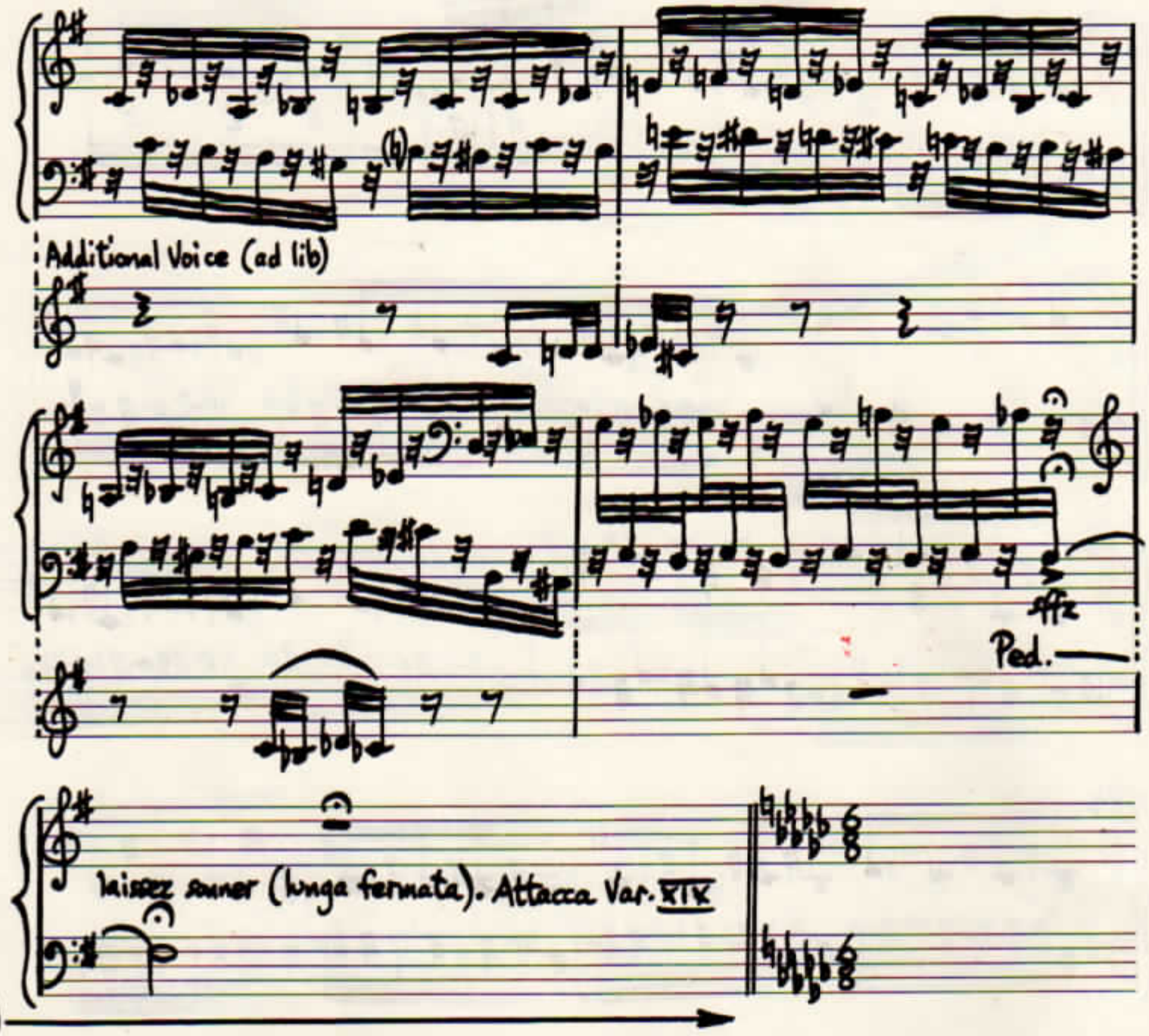
Attacca

XVII Presto

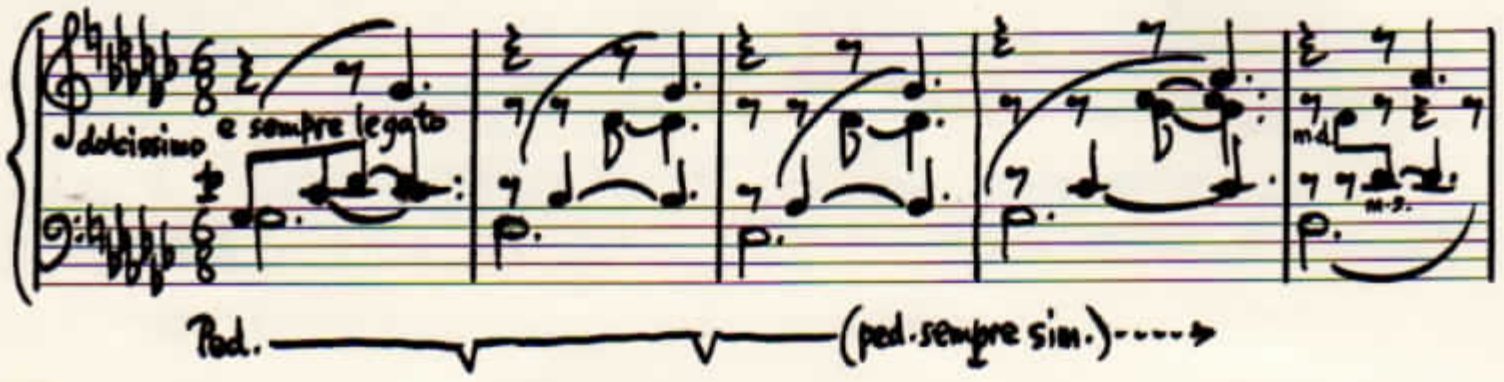
pp sotto voce

XVIII Presto alla toccata

lunga

Prestissimo



XIX INTERMEZZO

Andante molto tranquillo e con tenerezza, ma sempre semplice

ten.

m.d. m.s.

(sim.)

a tempo

poco rubato

poco rubato

a tempo

sempre dim.

(b)

subf

meno f

sempre dim

m.d. m.s.

m.d. m.s.

mf

un poco meno f

f ten.

espansiva un poco

mp

f

mf

sempre poco a poco più lontano

ten.

ten.

Ped.

*

XX Allegro comodo

Ped.

m.d.

*

XXI: Allegro comodo

[ENJAMBEMENT]

HALF BAR

[ENJAMBE-
-MENT]

[HALF
BAR]

[ENJAMBE-
-MENT]

[HALF
BAR]

[ENJAMBE-
-MENT]

[HALF
BAR]

[ENJAMBE-
-MENT]

[HALF
BAR]

XXII : Presto alla toccata

f

[ENJAMBE-
MENT]

[HALF BAR]

Attacca Var. XXVII

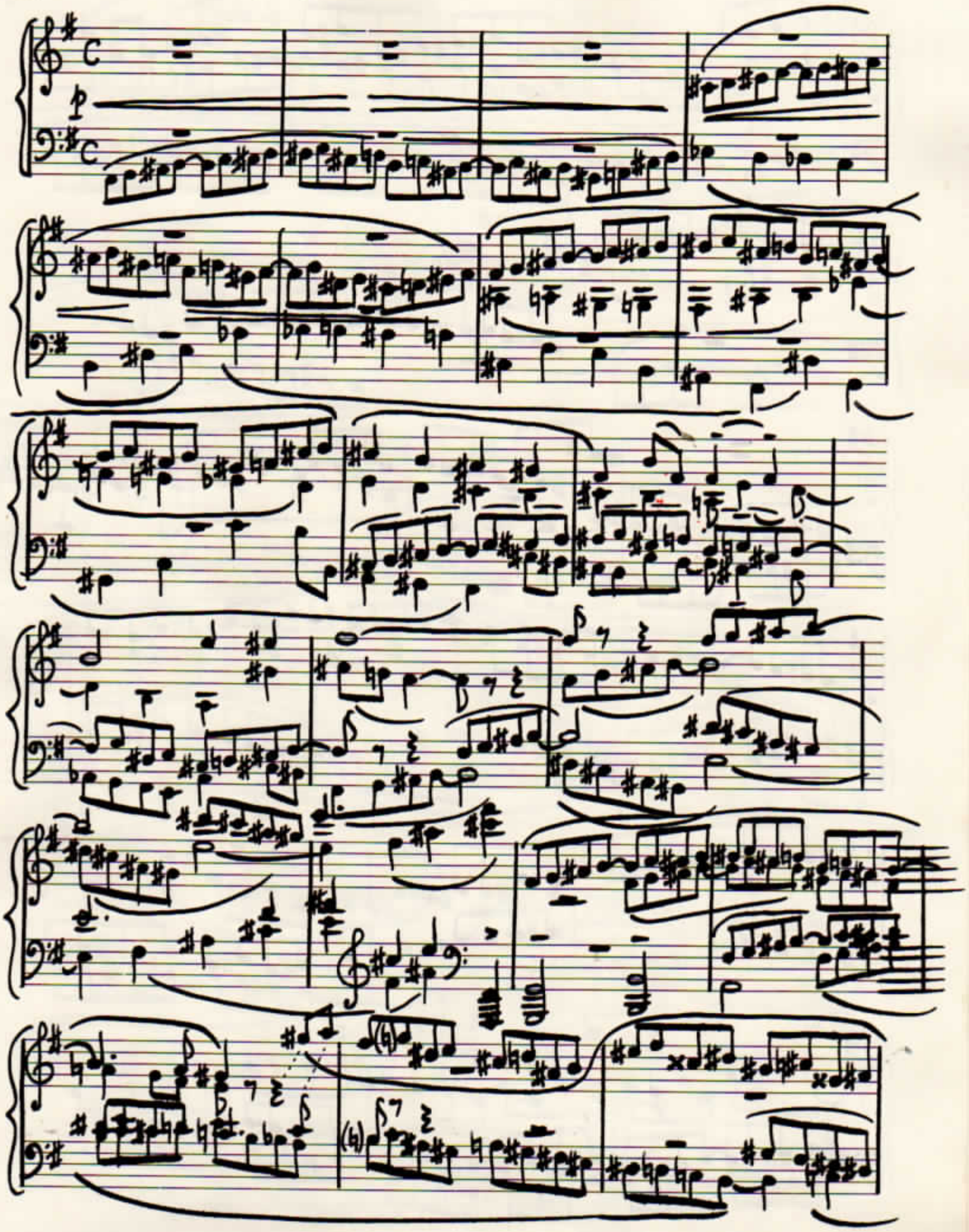
XXIII Agitato (L'istesso tempo)

♪ = ♩

sfpochiss. sfpochiss.

sfzpochiss.

dim.

XXIV: Fughetta – molto allegro legato

Ritenuto-----

fff

Ped *

XXV: Grave, con molt'espressione

Ped

Attacca

XXVI : FANTASIA - Un pochissimo più mosso

mp cresc. f mf cresc.

Ped. (ad lib)

sfz

ff sub. p

sub.f cresc.

ff

Ped.

barbaro ed appassionato

sfz

fff

8va

loco

Sonore

(Ped)

Quasi

un poco accelerando --- Presto

16va

8va

loco

sim. sim.

Quasi una cadenza

8va

loco

[ENTAMURE-MENT]

[PART BAR]

[ENTAMURE-MENT]

glissando (black keys)

Attacca

glissando (white keys)

laissez sonner

Ped.

XXVII: Grave con molt'espressione

mf

mf

crescendo

f rit. poco sempre crescendo

ff mf

molto rit.

f

XXVIII : PRELUDE - Allegretto

un pochiss. accelerando

rit.

a tempo

accel. un pochiss.

Rall.

a tempo

Rit.

ff

Attacca

XXIX : TOCCATA — Allegro staccato

m.d. m.d. m.d. ... et sim.

mp

m.s. m.s. m.s. ..... et sim.

et sim.)

sempre simile

Attacca

cresc.

m.s.

XXX: Allegro con brio

ff

fff

f

XXXI: Allegro Scherzando, sempre leggiero

XXXII : Molto allegro, misterioso e sotto voce

Attacca

cresc.

dim.

sub. pp

mp

XXIII: Allegro barbaro

Il basso marcato, ritmico, ma non troppo presente

trem.

sfffz dim. con violenza

feroce

glissando

sfz
ff
martellato
legato
sfz
(ENJAMBEMENT
marziale
[HALF-BAR]
Attacca

XXXIV Un Poco Meno Mosso

leggiero
m.s. m.d. m.s. (sim.)
18=16
18=16
il basso sempre
m.d.
(m.d.)
Ped.
* Pedale ogni battuta
Ped

18=16
18=16
(Ped)
Pedale ogni battuta
Ped

8va

m.d. m.d.

sf

m.s. (m.s.) m.s.

18=16 18=16

senza sf (see note *)

*NOTE: the sforzato on the initial G is omitted in this & subsequent measures.

Ped.

m.d.

(sim.)

m.s. m.s.

18=16

m.d.

sfz sfz

un po' meno forte

sfz (Pedale ogni battuta) Ped Pedale ogni battuta

8va loco

m.s. m.d. m.s.

(sim.)

18=16

Poco a poco rallentando e diminuendo

Ped. *Ped

8va 8va 8va

m.s. m.d. m.s.

loco

18=16

Ped.

loco

CADENZA: tempo ad lib.

Senza pedale.

fff subito

offa offa

Fisso e limpido, delicato

36

p

ruvido

XXXV : PRELUDE : Moderato

Rall. a tempo

cresc. m.s. cresc. ff fff Attacca

FUGUE : Moderato e sommesso

delicato cresc.

m.s.

cresc.

dim.

sempre cresc

fp

f quasi trombe

dim.

ancora sommesso più

m.d.

m.s.

cresc.

cresc. molto poco a poco

f

ff

marcato di molto

Rit.

A Tempo

sub. p cresc. un poco

mf dim.

(Tempo giusto)

cresc.

ff

fp

dolce e legato

dolce

cresc.

con grandezza

m.d.

XXXVI: POSTLUDE — Maestoso di Molto

ff

> sempre pesante

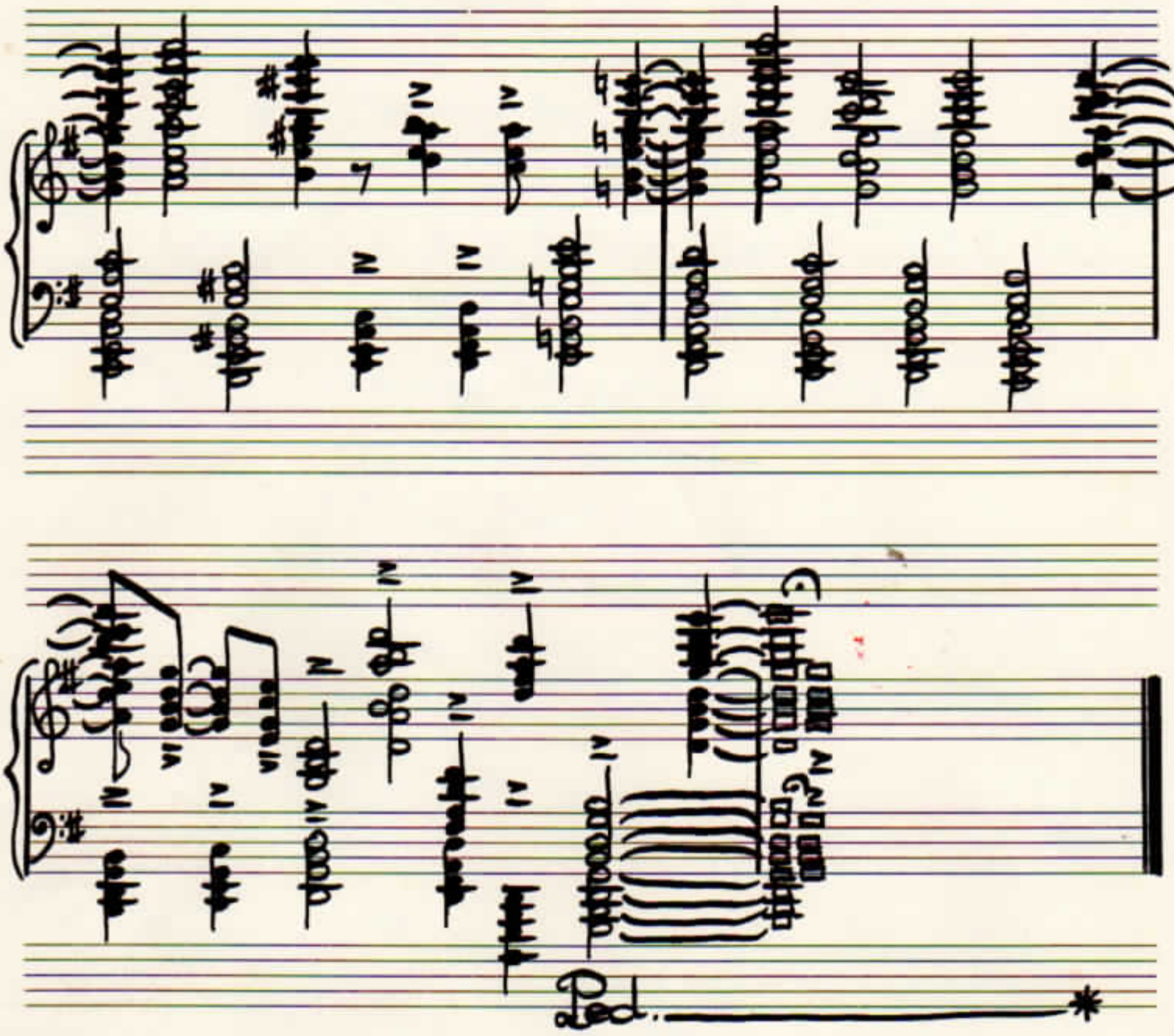
Allegro

ff

(pedale sempre simile)

Ped.

m.d.

m.s.

Ped.